

**West Region Wildfire Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**8/13/15**

***Meeting Attendance***

	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1	Austin	Tom	Log Hill Fire
2	Barth	Chris	BLM
3	Bennet	John	Telluride Fire
4	Cinnamon	Sophia	WRWC
5	Conway	Bill	Arrowhead Fire
6	Gomez	Jamie	WRWC
7	Gottlieb	Paul	MCSP
8	Mattivi	Junior	Ouray County
9	Odom	Luke	DCFPC
10	Pankratz	Sam	CSFS
11	Rist	Jodi	CSFS
12	Rogers	John	Log Hill Fire
13	Shelby	Austin	CSFS
14	Tisdell	Ben	Ouray County
15	Shaver	J.T.	CSFS

**Objective/Purpose**

The Council gathered to discuss the following:

**Introductions**

Sophia Cinnamon facilitated the meeting and initiated a round of introductions.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from April's meeting were approved as written.

**Presentation from Jamie Gomez and Sophia Cinnamon, Regional Mitigation and Education Coordinators for the WRWC presented on their respective 2015 projects.**

To view the powerpoint presentation go to :

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B73\\_1AQQokPxMXJEV1BGVDNKMzQ](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B73_1AQQokPxMXJEV1BGVDNKMzQ)

Jamie provided an overview of completed projects and acres treated in San Miguel, Montrose, Delta, and Ouray counties, highlighting specific projects in Ouray and Montrose Counties. He also provided information on projects currently in process throughout the four counties. Sophia followed Jamie's presentation with information specific to ongoing Gunnison County projects along with completed projects from the 2014 grant cycle. In addition to project specifics,

Sophia discussed the joint planning efforts with the Colorado State Forest Service and federal partners to plan for future mitigation and larger scale fuel-break projects.

Please reference the powerpoint presentation for project maps, before and after photos, and quantitative data.

### **FACO Update-Chris Barth Colorado BLM Southwest District**

Chris Barth provided a brief update on Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO), a working group that formed to represent wildfire councils across the state and provide a clear, singular voice to communicate with the public. FACO is in the process of forming a 501 (c)(3), developing a mission, values, electing board members and developing guidelines for the organization. The group is interested in large-scale outreach and is working to identify priorities. More information will be coming out during the Colorado Wildland Fire Conference on September 24-25 in Snowmass Village. To register and find out more information about the conference please visit: [www.wildfire-colorado.com](http://www.wildfire-colorado.com)

### **WRWC Brochure Update-WRWC Staff**

Jamie and Sophia presented the latest draft of the WRWC brochure and opened the meeting to comment and feedback from all present council members. The brochure will go to print by the end of the month and will be available to all interested parties.

### **Fire Outlook**

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>

Current fire on Ute Mountain Ute property on the Western flank of Hermano Peak outside of Cortez. The fire is currently contained at 400 acres.

Starting on Saturday there will be a local drying trend with potential for smoke to drift from West Coast wildfires.

Luke Odum, DFPC Resources:

There is potential for the largest airtanker, a 747, to be stationed in Colorado Springs but is has not yet been approved by the federal government. Currently there is a type 2 aircraft in Wyoming and an MMA in Oregon.

### **Trainings and Other Resources**

NFPA Annual Backyards and Beyond Conference in Myrtle Beach, October 22-24. For more information visit : <http://www.nfpa.org/training/backyards-and-beyond>

### **Round Robin**

Open discussion held about the permitting process for burning on private property. It was unanimous, that before burning individuals should contact their local Sheriff more information specific to their respective county.